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Niko Tzafopoulos GTU LIBRARY Announces Retirement as Annunciation Cathedral Head Chantor

It is with great joy, yet sorrow, that we announce the retirement of our dear friend and brother, Mr. Niko Tzafopoulos, who has announced that as of June 2012, he will be stepping down as the head chantor of the Annunciation Cathedral. Mr. Tzafopoulos has held this position for 44 years, and we would like to thank him for his many, many years of wonderful service to the Lord, His Church, and our Cathedral family. His heartfelt dedication and spirit of *diakonia* (service) has been an example to all of us who have heard him "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Psalm 100:1) on a Sunday, feast day or Holy Week.

In addition to the newest addition to our *psaltryion*, Mr. Basil Crow, Mr. Kostas Haralabopoulos has graciously agreed to step in as the new head chantor of the Cathedral, beginning June 3, the Feast of Pentecost. Mr. Haralabopoulos is no stranger to the Cathedral, of course, given that he has prayed the liturgy with us on many occasions, chanting the services as well as teaching our Byzantine Chant class with his son George.

This fall, we will be holding a special luncheon for Niko to celebrate his many years of service to our community. Please pay close attention to upcoming announcements in the Herald and in church for more information on this event when it takes place.

God bless you Niko!

Biography of Kostas Haralabopoulos

Constantin Haralambopoulos was born in the small village of Ano Kerasovo, near the town of Messolonghi, in western Greece. He received degrees from the School of Philosophy of the University of Athens and the Athens Conservatory of Music. After finishing his schooling he moved to Thessaloniki, Greece for two years, where he studied Byzantine chanting under the most renowned chanters in Greece. Distinguished for his voice at a very young age, he was appointed as chanter for the Dormition of Theotokos Church in Elioupoli, Athens and later at the Holy Cross Church in Egaleo, Athens. In 1972 he accepted an invitation from the Greek community of Khartoum, Sudan to become a professor of Greek language at the community school and chanter for the Metropolis of Nubia. Constantin began his long career in the Greek Foreign Service in 1977, throughout which he had the opportunity to serve many Diplomatic Missions around the world including Kenya, Washington DC, San Francisco, Hong Kong and Nigeria. He retired in 2007 and now lives with his family in Marin County. He is very proud of his sons, Nico and George.

2012 MOTHERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED AT MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON



His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos presenting
the Mothers of the Year Award

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SOTIRIA PANAGIOTOPoulos

In a Greek village, 70 years ago, a baby was born. It was Friday, 4/24/42, in Terpsithea, Nafpaktos, to be exact! She was named after the Church of the *horio*. Two years later her baby brother was born.

At that time, Greece experienced a civil war. As a result, her father was drafted and two years later perished in the war. Their mother took extreme measures to protect her family by hiding them in a tent near a river days at a time, for a year, to escape the terrible fate of their father!

They were the lucky ones! Their family had their own cow for milk and chickens for eggs and sheep. They were like the family pets! Cooking became one of her favorite things to do despite not having electricity or refrigeration; she developed good culinary skills!

In 1966, at the age of 24, she met her future husband. Three months later, on August 17, 1966, they were married in the *horio*. Hint: she didn't have to change her last name! She moved to America one year after her husband got a job. She worked as a seamstress for 7 years, then continued to work with her husband as real estate investors. On December 11, 1968, in San Francisco, a miracle happened- their 1st child was born!

Over the past fifteen years, she has worked with Philoptochos, in the kitchen, at the Annunciation Cathedral, for various events, such as: Vasilopita, the Crab Feed, Pascha, and our Food Festival! Her *loukoumades* are some of the best in the West! Her *kataifi* is a close second! She has even inspired her grandchildren to get in the kitchen! For Easter, they helped dye red eggs, braided their own *tsoureki* & baked *koulourakia* in just one afternoon!

Still not sure who we are talking about? On September 12, 1998, her only son, Jimmy, was married to her priest's daughter, Erika! She's the very proud *yiayia* of two grandsons- Antonios "Antonaki" Dimitrios, born on 8/1/99 & Stephen (Stylianos) Dimitrios , born on 2/20/02!

We honor Sotiria Panagiotopoulos, as 2012 mother of the year!



Our 2012 mothers of the year!

TERPSI VARANIS

This humble lady was born in Hania, Crete, Greece. She was the youngest of four children and always helped her father in the family's general store. She grew up during the German occupation of Crete during World War II. In 1951, she obtained a visa and immigrated to the United States, arriving in the Bay Area in September. Shortly thereafter, she met a handsome and kind man named Nickolas, whom she married in June 1952. They were blessed with two children, Nick and Maria, whom they lovingly raised. Their family has grown to include daughter Ludy, son James, and grandsons Andrew and Nicholas. She worked at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco making specialty items in the kitchen for 18 years, retiring in 1994.

She has been a member of the Annunciation Cathedral for over 56 years. The Annunciation has always been her home and she volunteers wholeheartedly. She is an active member of the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos, the Daughters of Penelope EOS #1, and the Epimenides/Ariadne Chapter of the Pancretan Association of America.

This lady exemplifies the meaning of "philoptochos," which means friend of the poor. God blessed her with the ability to sense individuals in need and reach out to help them. Many of you have personal experience of her generosity. She receives great joy from sharing her culinary expertise and recipes. She loves to teach and explain her methods of cooking and baking, which keeps our Greek culture alive. There is a need to emphasize that she did not learn to cook and bake

while growing up in Crete. It is amazing that her Greek cooking was self-taught right here in San Francisco.

As a mother, she has nurtured her children and provided all her love unconditionally. As a Christian, she

has instilled her strong faith in her family. This lady is a living example of the defining virtues of a mother. We know she will be honored and touched to receive this Mother of the Year award.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$2.35 MILLION

The Capital Campaign has surpassed the \$2.35 million mark, in pledges and gifts, as of April 18, 2012. Of this amount, \$1.5 million has already been contributed, leaving a balance of \$850,000. Donors elect whether to pay all at once, or in installments (monthly, quarterly, or annually) up to five years. The \$2.35 million was raised from 57 donors, as follows: 1 at \$630,000; 1 at \$394,000; 2 at \$150,000; 2 at \$100,000; 1 at \$64,000; 3 at \$50,000; 1 at \$35,000; 1 at \$30,000; 7 at \$25,000; 2 at \$20,000; 1 at \$17,000; 1 at \$18,500; 1 at \$17,500; 4 at \$15,000; 2 at \$12,000; 14 at \$10,000; 1 at \$7,500; 6 at \$5,000; 1 at \$3,000; 1 at \$2,000; and 4 at \$1,000.

Approximately \$1 million has been paid out so far, for architectural, engineering, consultant, and Planning Department fees, leaving a \$5 million balance in the Building Fund. We need \$10 million to build the Cathedral and one level of underground parking, leaving another \$4 million to be raised. We believe this is reasonable, since we have raised over \$2 million from only 10% of the community! Toward this end, the Capital Campaign Committee is calling families and individuals with a view to scheduling visits with **Fr. Anthony Scott** and/or **Fr. Stephen Kyriacou, Fr. Niko Bekris**, along with a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Father Scott has been at the Cathedral since May 25th for his final week of visits with us, until the 31st. During this time he has been coordinating conference calls with committee members, conducting meetings of the Capital Campaign Committee, making visitations, and following up with prospective donors. In addition, he is getting the Legacy and Endowment Program and the Endowment Committee up and running. The Legacy and Endowment Program will provide for post-construction and programmatic support, for the long-term well-being of the Cathedral.

Another encouraging step is the willingness of parishioners, who have already pledged and/given to the Capital Campaign to host receptions in their homes for approximately ten families who have not yet given to the Campaign. The purpose of the gathering is to give people the opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the Campaign. No solicitations will be conducted at these gatherings. At the

conclusion of the presentations, guests will be asked whether they would be willing to sit down with us, at a later time, to consider their participation.

Yet another encouraging step is that we have a Banquet Committee meeting on a regular basis, to plan a celebratory banquet, which will coincide with Groundbreaking and which will raise an additional \$1 million for the Campaign. **Valerie Roumeliotis**, immediate past president of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos, is chair of the Banquet Committee. We are very excited about the enthusiasm that is building up about the prospect of beginning construction on the Cathedral.

Meanwhile, we urge parishioners not to wait to be called, but to get involved. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become builders of a church and, in this way, the guarantors of the Orthodox Faith for generations to come. Your names will be remembered in the diptychs as "blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this holy Church." More importantly, your names will be remembered in Heaven!

As for participating in the Capital Campaign, we urge you to take the initiative to set up a day and time when it is convenient for you to meet to learn about our project and the timetable for its completion, to participate in the Capital Campaign, to the extent to which you are able, and/or to discuss your participation in the Cathedral's Legacy and Endowment Program. We are blessed indeed that we have been the beneficiaries of those who established the Cathedral community and who have provided for it these past 90 years of its existence. Now it is our turn to step up and declare what we will do for the generations that will follow us, mindful of the words God spoke through Moses, when he said, "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Exodus 25:8)

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Hooray to Broadway!

The lights of Broadway were lit and the stars on the billboards shone as our runway models for our 53rd Mother's Day Luncheon took to the ramp and sashayed in tribute to the great tunes of Broadway. The fashions from the boutiques of White Rose on West Portal, Mimi's on Union and B Chic Fashions were outstanding. The music and lyrics sung by Christina Arzimanoglu, Victoria Ketchum and Nick Tarlson from top shows and accompanying the fashions made all in attendance tap their feet in rhythm to the songs of the "great white way".

The nearly 300 attendees who walked the red carpet enjoyed the day as Philoptochos honored two worthy Mothers of the Year, **Terpsi Varanis** and **Sotiria Panagiotopoulos**. These two wonderful women exemplify love, hard work and service to their families and to our Cathedral. We were delighted to have Metropolitan Gerasimos with us who helped present plaques and gifts to the two mothers. We honor them and wish them continued success in the future under our Lord's guidance.

My thanks to all the committees who worked so diligently with general chair **Irene Kyriacou** to make the afternoon successful. They transformed our Community Center into a venue that had the real feeling of today's musical era. We have heard nothing but accolades for this memorable event.



One of our performers, Victoria Ketchum



The very talented Christina Arzimanoglu



Little Thano Kyriacou as the Pantomime of the Opera!

*The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies
Philoptochos Society*

Presents

*Sunday breakfast
Honoring "Fathers of the Year"*



*Date: Sunday, June 17, 2012
Immediately following church services*

Donation \$10.00

*For more information please contact
The Cathedral at 415.864.8000*



Some of our lovely ladies looking very chic

We look forward to everyone joining us on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2012 as we honor two special fathers who represent all fathers on this day.

So join Philoptochos for a delectable breakfast buffet that you won't want to miss. Check the accompanying flyer for more info.



The Mother's Day Fashion Show and Luncheon in the Korinthias Hall

On behalf of Philoptochos I extend our best wishes to all as we are about to start the beginning of summer. Have a happy, joyous and enjoyable time!

With warmest regards and love in Christ,

Patricia Aleck
Philoptochos President

Greek School: New school year begins September 8th

Our Cathedral Greek School program is nearing conclusion of its fourth year. The last day of class will be June 2. Thanks to the efforts of many hard-working teachers and parents, our program is thriving and expanding every year.

The Fall 2012-13 school year begins on Saturday, September 8th. It is expanding to offer six levels with a small teacher-student ratio as follows:

PreK-1 (Ages 4-5 without prior exposure to Greek) taught by **Evdokia Andreades**

PreK-2 (Ages 4-5 with prior exposure to Greek) taught by **Maria Panotsopoulou**

Kindergarten (Ages 5-6) taught by **Sotiria Mitrosyli-Bouna**

Level 1 (Ages 7-8) taught by **Lizabeta Koukkou**

Level 2 (Ages 8-9) Staffing not yet finalized

Level 3 (Ages 9+) taught by **Giorgos Daloukas**

Classes take place on Saturdays. They begin promptly at 10:00 am and end at 12:15 pm, with a short, supervised recess halfway through class. With a projected enrollment of 32 students, tuition rates will be \$450 per student for the school year. This includes all books and supplies.

If you are interested in registering your child, please contact **Pamfilia Zambelis** at pzambelis@yahoo.com.

ADULT COURSE IN MODERN GREEK TO BE OFFERED

Interested in learning Greek? Do you want to learn practical expressions that you can immediately use?

A course in Modern Greek for adults will be offered at the Cathedral, beginning Tuesday, September 11. This beginner's course, with emphasis on developing conversational fluency through immersion, will be given at the Cathedral's conference room for sixteen consecutive weeks, from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., excluding Christmas and New Year's Day. Students will be provided with a text, which includes audio CDs. Students will need to provide notebook and writing materials. There is a course fee of \$150., which includes the text, take off in Greek (Oxford University Press), and audio CDs. The fee is due upon registering for the course. To register, please contact the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000. The course will be taught by **Father Stephen**.

New Parish Software Purchased. New Parish Listserv Coming Soon

After much discussion and consideration, last month our parish council approved the purchase of a new software tailored exclusively for Orthodox parishes. This new software, called "ParishSoft," will not only interface with our current Quickbooks database for pledges and all giving, but will be able to catalogue groups, ministries, family information, etc, in order to improve communication with our parishioners, as well as better financial statements and other such items. In addition, we are in the process of creating an updated parish directory as well as a new parish listerver (list of emails for correspondence), in order to send the *Herald* and other announcements electronically. It should be noted, of course, that all information is confidential and not shared.

Many thanks to **Nick Rally, Deno Konstantinidis, Dean Nicolacakis and Marcelo Souza** for their assistance in this endeavor!

2012 Food Festival Preparation Underway!

Food Festival preparations are underway for 2012! The new festival committee has now had three well-organized, very productive meetings already this year, under the capable leadership of **Bob and Lea Lyberopoulos**. Thank you to all who have attended these meetings and who have helped at past festivals, as well. If you would like to lend your time and talents to this year's Food Festival, we invite you to become a part of the planning process. We need everyone's help! Please email Lea and Bob at karthia808@yahoo.com or at grk808@yahoo.com for information on the next meeting.

San Francisco Sunday Streets Dates Announced

As you may have seen on many occasions in the past, the city of San Francisco organizes outdoor fairs, marathons, and other car-free events in various neighborhoods including the Mission district. These objectives of events such as these are to encourage health and fitness, clean air, and less traffic. That said, there have been times in the past when such events have directly inhibited automobile access to the Cathedral.

After coordinating our efforts with Livable City (a non-profit that sponsors these events), we have asked that the city provide uninhibited routes for cars to enter the church parking lot on days that Sunday Streets is taking place, and we have been guaranteed that we will be given them. **Please note the following dates when Sunday Streets will be in the Mission district:**

**June 3
July 1
August 5**

A street guide will be included in the *Herald* when we receive it. For more information, feel free to contact that Cathedral office at (415) 864-8000 should you have any questions.

A "Link" to Those in Need

Community Link, now in our eighth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of those we visit no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one's spirits a great deal. If anyone in the community knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Community Link will be making visits this month on June 16, beginning in the Cathedral Conference Room at 9 am.

Upcoming Community Link Meeting in 2012: July 21.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me.

Psalm 138:7

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School Korner

June 2012- As Sunday School comes to a close for the 2011-2012 school year, we reflect on the many accomplishments in our program this year. We continued our Canned Food Drive, Xmas Program, TGI Pascha, Angels during Lent, and singing or church hymns. We added fundraising for UNICEF, and strengthened our Oratorical Festival. We look forward to our positive growth and welcome volunteers and suggestions. We encourage parents to get involved.

Graduation will be held Sunday, June 3, 2012. We encourage all students to **WEAR THEIR PINS!** We will be adding to the pin bars at graduation. Graduates will receive certificates, class photos and the community will be treated to a graduation luncheon with all our favorite picnic foods. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations to Graduates young and old. Whether it be from middle school, high school or college, we wish you success in whatever path you chose or in whatever it is that God leads you!

We want to give a big thank you to **Bonnie Grampsas, Angelus Karas, Chris Karas, Mike Canellos** and all those who have given their support and worked to help with the coffee hour, on behalf of the Sunday School. We so appreciate their efforts! *Efharisto!*

Thank you so much to all the Sunday School Teachers who worked so hard to make Sunday School successful this year for our children. Their tireless efforts every week are greatly appreciated. Our teachers include: **Chrisoula Novo, Yvonne Chiappari, Mary Tonas, Chrisoula Pezo, Maria Allen, Tina Kountonis, and Gus Vouchilas.**

Don't forget to bring/wear your *Sunday School pins* to church on Graduation Day. We will have the bars to add to your pin that show your commitment to attending Sunday school.

Have a fun summer – see you back in classes September 9th for Opening Day with a festive Luncheon to follow.

Thank you for a successful year,
Denise Yeilding
Sunday School Principal

2012-2013 School year Volunteers Needed! Please contact **Denise Yeilding** to volunteer at dyeilding@yahoo.com.

Assistant teachers
Write monthly article for *Herald*
Coordinate Xmas Play
Food Drive coordinator
Angel Coordinator
Oratorical Festival Chair
UNICEF coordinator
Special Projects

Weekly Cretan Dance Workshop- "Rizites"- Formed

The new Cretan dance workshop called "Rizites," taught weekly by **Petros Papageorge**, now continues into its third month! We are very lucky to have Petraki teaching this group, as he is an ardent supporter and veteran of many years of Cretan folk dancing. The recently-formed workshop is open to all young adults (18-35) who have experience dancing Cretan folk dances, and would like to hone them in order to participate in the many authentic Cretan *glendia* of Northern California throughout the year. Please see the mission statement and contact information from Petraki below.

Name of Group: RIZITES

Mission Statement:

A Cretan dance and musical hobby parea group/parea, where those who want to learn more in general and for the popular Cretan Glendia they participate in regularly during the year throughout California and the U.S. and Crete, can meet to apply and develop their skills confidently and in an authentic way that maintains strong roots.

Content: The study and style execution of Cretan dances and music from the original provinces in Crete from which they came.

Moderator/Teacher/Director: Petros Papageorge

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"The *tragoudia* (songs) which were

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'born' in the region of Lefka Ori, in the prefecture of Chania, were named *Rizitika* by the modern researchers. This name was chosen due to the fact that these songs are sung at the area of *riza*, the foot of the mountains. According to another interpretation, *rizitika* originate from the ancient town Rizinia, in the province of Kydonia, which is called Meskla nowadays. *Rizitika* were composed by the rizites, the people who live in the high mountain villages, who preserve the ethos and mores from time immemorial. We don't have much evidence about the origin of *Rizitika*. It is sure that they date from the Byzantine period. Many researchers claim that *rizitika* are the continuance of the martial songs of Dories, who took up their residence at the mountain region of Chania in about 1000 B. C. and preserved their ancient traditions inalterable during the ages. Most of them are creations dated to the centuries of the Venetian and Turkish bondage. *Rizitika* are sung a capella (not accompanied with musical instruments). Today we know 32 or some more melodies, including slight variations. There are, however, another 47 idiomela *rizitika* (which are sung with their own unique melody). The music of *rizitika* is an especially interesting subject. The melody 'suppresses' the rhyme and adapts it to its own 'shape'.

For practice times and more information, feel free to contact Petraki through the information above. You can also find him on Facebook.



Altar Group Schedule for June

Many thanks to all the families who have committed to our altar group schedule these last three months. It has been wonderful having each of them in the altar, knowing that it is a wonderful way for any young man to serve the Lord and His Church.

The schedule for the Sundays in May will be as follows:

June 3, Pentecost- Group 1

June 10- Group 2

June 17- Group 3

June 24- Group 4

The altar group rosters are as follow:

Group 1- Harry Misthos (group leader), Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Niko Pezo and Demetri Rally

Group 2- Anthony Obester (group leader), Demetri Kontonis, Bobby Kontonis, Niko Manetas, and Steven Manolakis

Group 3- Steven Flynn, Clint Flynn (group leaders), Antonio Panagiotopoulos, Steven Panagiotopoulos, Panagiota Sogotis, and Yianni Sogotis

Group 4- Andrew Nuris, Vasili Loufas (group leaders), Anthony Tadessee, Jonas Tesfai and Nathan Tesfai

As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks!

PRAYER OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES

Lord Jesus Christ, by your presence you blessed the wedding in Cana and showed us that you are the true priest of mystical and pure marriage. WE thank you for the day on which by your heavenly benediction you joined us in the sacrament of matrimony. Lord, continue to bless and enrich our marriage in love, companionship, mutual support, oneness of heart, and progress in faith and life. Protect our holy wedlock from sin, evil, and danger. Foster between us the spirit of understanding, the spirit of forgiveness, and the spirit of peace, that no resentment, quarrel, or other problem cause us to stumble and fall. Grant us to see our own faults and not to judge each other. Keep our bond of love always new. Gladden our hearts with the joys of marriage, that with one heart we may praise and glorify you. Amen.

Cathedral Greek School Concludes Its 2011-2012 Academic Year



Pre-School and Kindergarten class



The 5th and 6th grades



This year's 1st and 2nd grades

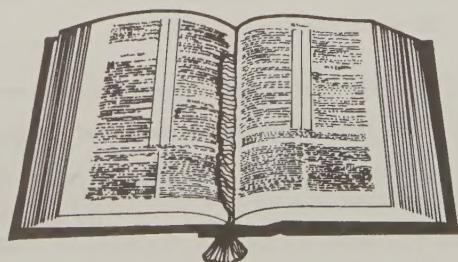


Our 7th and 8th grade class



3rd and 4th grade

*"Pray for the salvation of others
as you would pray for your own salvation."
- St. John of Kronstadt*



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



JOY and GOYA News

On May 29, our Cathedral JOY and GOYA groups went to a Giants game together! Over the last few years, since the children of more and more families overlap into both youth groups, the game was attended by families of both, since both groups go to a baseball game annually. This year, over 40 people attended the game together—children and family members, alike—and a great time was had by all.

Our youth groups will take the month of July off, but before doing that, both will conclude the school year with a summer event. Our JOY group will have a pool party at the Manolakis house, and our GOYA will hold its annual barbecue/softball game in San Bruno Park. Both events will take place in June.

Many, many thanks to all the hard-working parishioners who have helped these youth groups going strong one more year, including our GOYA leaders **Katerina Loufas, Harry Misthos, and Manoli Nuris**, not to mention ALL our JOY parents who hosted events at their homes this year. God bless each of you.

Our Cathedral JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) group is open to all children grades 3-6, and GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is open to all youth grades 7-12.

"Oh, what happiness; oh, what peace; oh, what joy when the Spirit of God nestles in the cleansed heart of man as a sparrow nestles in its nest!"

— St. Nicholas the Serb

Young Adult News

On May 24, our Cathedral young adult group met for its second dinner/discussion this year! Following up on the very successful "Dating and the Book of Genesis" discussion from last November, this month's topic was "Practicing Your Faith and the Sermon on the Mount" (referring to chapters 5-7 of the Gospel according to Matthew). This month, we watched a clip from the recent "Twilight" movie series, as well as looked at recent studies and articles from USA Today and People magazine. Once again, some 15 young professionals attended the group discussion, and enjoyed pizza and wine which were provided.

Our Cathedral Young Adult Group has now entered its fourth year of programs and ministries! We look forward to many more dinners, discussions, fellowship events and community service projects.

*** Our Cathedral Young Adult group is open to all young adults ages 22-35, and typically meets for dinner the last Thursday of every month. ***

***For more information on any of the Cathedral's youth groups, please contact **Father Niko Bekris** at fatherniko@annunciation.org, or visit our "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook page." ***



J U N E C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy, 10 am (at Cathedral) Last Day of Greek School
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Feast of Pentecost Sunday in the Streets (street closure) Sunday School Graduation Scholarship Presentations	Feast of the Holy Spirit, Services at Holy Trinity Church					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 JOY Summer Party, 2 pm (Manolakis Home) Community Link
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Father's Day Sunday Breakfast	GOYA BBQ/Softball, 12:30 (San Bruno Park)					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles, Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am					Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Divine Liturgy, 10 am	

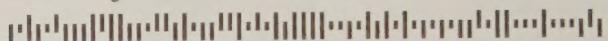
PRAYER OF A CHILD

Our Father in heaven, bless my parents, guardians, and those in authority over me, for the love, tender care, and benefits I receive at their hands. Grant me your grace to perform my duties carefully and faithfully, avoid undesirable company and influence, and resist all temptation that may come my way, living a sober, righteous, and Godly life, ever praising you and glorifying your holy name. Amen.

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Sacraments and Services

BAPTISMS

Spiros Emmanouel, son of **Emmanouel** and **Katerina (Tsifourdaris) Sarikakis**, was baptized May 5th. His sponsor is **Chrysa Perakis**.

Amalia Aristeia, daughter of **Emmanouel** and **Katerina (Tsifourdaris) Sarikakis**, was baptized May 5th. Her sponsors are **John** and **Dina Kratsas**.

Athanasiros Stefanos, son of **S. Christopher** and **Irene (Fousekis) Kyriacou**, was baptized May 13th. His sponsors are **Dustin** and **Chrisoula Novo**.

Katherine Elizabeth Rowe, daughter of **Kendall** and **Mary (Gruhn) Rowe**, was baptized May 16th. Her sponsor is **Denise Dudum**.

Elias Andonis, son of **Louis John** and **Wendy Vanessa (Gil-Zambrano) Selianitis**, was baptized May 20th. His sponsors are **Demo** and **Vanessa Selianitis** and **Stefanie Zambrano**.

Na Mas Zisoun! (Long Life!)

CHRISMATION

Joseph Brian Shantz was received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation on May 20. His sponsor is **Alexandros Kozak**.

Na Mas Zisi! (Long Life!)

MARRIAGES

The marriage of **Paul Richard Van Wambeke** and **Katherine Dermitzakis** was celebrated on May 19. Their sponsor is **Nicholas Pittler**.

The marriage of **Louis John Selianitis** and **Wendy Vanessa Gil-Zambrano** was celebrated on May 20. Their sponsor is **Priscilla Selianitis**.

Na Mas Zisoun! (Long Life!)